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SUBJECT: COMMENTS OF PARAGUAYAN REPRESENTATIVE TO LIMA

MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN SUGAR PRODUCERS

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED RECENTLY CONCLUDED LIMA MEETING OF LATIN AMERICAN SUGAR PRODUCERS WITH PARAGUAYAN REPRESENTATIVE, JUAN BOSCH, ON OCTOBER 5. BOSCH STATED THAT MEETING HAD BEEN CONDUCTED IN GENERAL ATMOSPHERE OF COOPERATION AND THAT PARTICIPATION OF PHILIPPINES, EVEN THOUGH ONLY IN OBSERVER STATUS, WAS MUCH APPRECIATED BY LA COUNTRIES.

2. PARAGUAYAN REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH REPRESENTATIVES AT MEETING HAD NO AUTHORIZATION TO COMMIT THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, THERE HAD BEEN GENERAL AGREEMENT ON SERIES OF PROPOSALS WHICH HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AT EARLIER MEETINGS. HE SAID THAT PRINCIPLE OF CONSULTATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN PRODUCING COUNTRIES WHICH WAS ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS OF PRODUCERS ORGANIZATION HAD BEEN APPROVED.

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3. NO DEFINITIVE RESOLUTION OF QUESTION OF ATTEMPT TO SET PRICES OR ESTABLISH PRICE SUPPORTS WAS REACHED. HOWEVER, REPRESENTATIVES TO MEETING DID AGREE TO GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING MINIMUM PRICES.

4. CONSIDERING RELATIVELY MODEST LEVEL OF PARAGUAYAN SUGAR PRODUCTION AND INSIGNIFICANT EXPORT TONNAGE (APPROXIMATELY 7 TO 10 THOUSAND SHORT TONS IN NORMAL YEAR) PARAGUAY'S PARTICIPATION IN MEETING OF SUGAR PRODUCERS INVOLVES ONLY MINOR NATIONAL INTEREST. HOWEVER, BOSCH EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT CUBAN REPRESENTATIVE HAD BEEN SELECTED AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF PRODUCERS ORGANIZATION SINCE THIS MAY CAUSE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT TO HESITATE OVER FULL PARTICIPATION IN SUGAR PRODUCERS GROUP.

5. ON BALANCE, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT PARAGUAY WILL GO ALONG WITH MODERATE ACTIONS OF SUGAR PRODUCERS INCLUDING EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM PRICES, DESPITE CUBAMD PARTICIPATION IN ORGANIZATION.

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